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DATE: March 2, 2006
TO: Administration Committee and Regional Council
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SUBJECT: Payment of Expenditures from the General Fund



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve payment of expenditures from General Fund.

SUMMARY:

Expenditures have occurred that are not eligible for federal reimbursement and we are requesting that the Administration Committee and the Regional Council approve payment of these expenditures out of the General Fund.

BACKGROUND:

There are three instances for consideration which, if approved, require the use of General Fund monies. They are:

- Last fiscal year an employee was authorized to attend an out of state conference. The employee secured approval to drive to the conference rather than to fly. There was confusion between the employee, the supervisor and the accounting staff as to the amount the employee was to be reimbursed and consequently the employee was under reimbursed for this travel. Since this trip occurred in the prior fiscal year it is not eligible, at this point, for federal reimbursement. The amount of this expenditure is \$445.
- Members of the 2006 Southern California Consensus Delegation requested that trip attendees be provided the model trucks distributed on the trip. Additional trucks could be used for this and when visiting elected officials throughout the region. The truck maker accidentally shipped forty-five (45) extra trucks to SCAG. We have been able to negotiate a discounted price for twenty (20) of these trucks and intend on sending the remaining twenty-five (25) trucks back to the vendor. The discounted price is \$30 per truck so the net additional cost would be a total of \$600 for this item.
- In 2005 the Vice-Chair (Larry Nelson, non RC member) of the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) represented SCAG at the Clean Cities Congress and Expo held locally. The Chair of EEC is requesting that SCAG again sponsor Vice-Chair Nelson at the 2006 Congress to be held in Phoenix, Arizona on May 7-10, 2006. This Congress is a joint undertaking by the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Institute and the Valley of the Sun and Tucson Regional Clean Cities and is the largest alternative

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fuel and vehicle technology gathering in the world. There are funds already approved in the general Fund to pay for the \$549 registration fee. An additional \$500 is required to pay for estimated travel costs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact to the General Fund from these expenditures is \$1,545. Funding is available from savings in the General Fund budget.